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SUBJECT: WORLD FERTILIZER SITUATION (C-ER-4-58345)

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1. IN COURSE OF GENERAL OBSERVATION OF FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT OVER PAST MONTH. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT DANISH ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA ARE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH SECURING FERTILIZER SUPPLIES FOR COMING YEAR AND SECONDLY WITH INVESTIGATION OF COOPERATIVE POSSIBILITIES IN FERTILIZER MANUFACTURE WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES

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AND CHINA(PRC) WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS

OF AN ORGANIZED "FERTILIZER TRUST" THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES AVAILABLE INFORMATION. SINCE NONE OF ITS POINTS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B AND SINCE INFOR ADDRESSEES APPARENTLY FOUND NO UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENTS IN FERTILIZER, EMBASSY COPENHAGEN WILL CLOSE OUT ITS SPECIAL WATCH ON THIS INDUSTRY.

2. MR LILLELUNG, DIRECTOR OF THE DANISH AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY COOPERATIVE (DLG) HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS RECENTLY WITH THE KUWAIT FERTILIZER COMPANY AND THE "CHARBOUR/ COMPANY OF IRAN. ALSO, HE WENT TO IRAN IN MID-SEPTEMBER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL FAIR. LILLELUND INFORMED EMBASSY REP THAT DLG PLANS TO IMPORT 36,000 MT OF LIQUID AMMONIA FROM THESE SOURCES (I.E. KUWAIT AND IRAN) HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER LONG TERM SUPPLY CONTRACTS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THESE TWO FIRMS. HE DID SAY THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT VENTURE OPERATION IN IRAN FOR LIQUID AMMONIA BUT FELT THIS WAS STILL IN THE DISTANT FUTURE.

3. HALDOR TOPSOE -A/S (SEE REF A FOR BACKGROUND) CURRENTLY HAS A VISITING GROUP OF CHINESE (PRC) FOR DISCUSSION ON TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THREE LIQUID AMMONIA PLANTS IN CHINA AND EVENTUALLY A LABORATORY FOR QUALITY CONTROL OF CATALYSTS FOR THESE PLANTS.

4. IN ADDITION TO PLANNED IMPORT OF FERTILIZER FROM KUWAIT AND IRAN DLG IS ALSO PURCHASING LIQUID AMMONIA FROM BOTH EAST AND WEST GERMANY. BOTH ARE NON-TRADITIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLIERS TO THE DANISH MARKET.
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